

SAVE THE DATE: THE GREAT LUTEFISK REUNION - OCT. 24

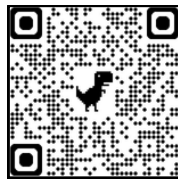
Dig out Grandma's cookbooks and find a favorite Scandinavian treat to share — sandbakkels, rosettes, krumkake, or another family favorite! We'll also need other food donations, but most importantly, we need the next generation to help carry on the tradition.

Middle-aged and younger lefse makers and bread bakers are especially encouraged to join us, along with volunteers of all ages. Come learn the art of lefse making from the Lefse King and discover the secrets of traditional bread baking using tried-and-true recipes passed down through the years right here at Faith Lutheran. Help keep these traditions alive.

It takes all of us to make the Great Lutefisk Reunion happen! Watch for volunteer and food sign-up sheets coming soon. Let your friends and relatives know that the Reunion is on the schedule and they will be missed if they are not there. **Mange takk!**

FALL ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

The applications for Fall Endowment Grants are open! To learn more about the Endowment Grants available and to access the application, go to faithspicer.org - CONNECT tab or scan the QR code - deadline is Oct. 5



SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: LSS Meals on Wheels

Volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals and perform a safety check for older adults, age 60 and older, who might be unable to leave their homes. LSS Meals offers delicious, healthy meal options that are available statewide.

THANK YOU to all who gave to our Noisy Offering in August! We were able to raise \$521.92 to help offset the Feast Meal so we can keep our prices low!

THANK YOU to all who gave for our August Mission of the Month: The Wildcat Backpack Program with The Link. We raised \$654.80!

TUESDAY'S TABLE UPDATES

On Tuesday, September 29 (the 5th Tuesday of the month), Living Word Lutheran Church in New London will be hosting Tuesday's Table.

Faith will NOT be hosting Tuesday's Table in October, as it is the same week as our Lutefisk Reunion. **The Open Door Church will be hosting in our place on Tuesday, October 20.**

WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help staff the Welcome Center on Wednesday evenings during The Feast (from around 5:00-6:45pm). You would be a welcoming presence for those coming in and available to help answer questions and guide people to the right locations for the evening. Please reach out to the church office if you are interested in helping!

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Gloria Schultz
- Roger & Bev Valentine
- Ron & Esther Lunz
- Peggy Morrison
- Michael "Mic" Mickelson
- Phyllis Jacobson
- Joyce Paulson
- Loni Bultman
- Judy Wohlin
- Laurie Brothen, mother of Joy White
- Darlene Lind



Altar Flowers Given By...

Carter Stenberg

In honor of the one year anniversary of Louise's passing.

Nursery care is available. Our nursery is staffed on Sundays from 8:30am to 11:00am and on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **For our nursing mothers**, there is a private nursing room in the back of the nursery available for use.

Interested in becoming a member here at Faith Lutheran Church?

Please connect with a staff member and our main office will reach out to you to answer any questions and get you any information needed!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Faith Lutheran Church of Spicer, Minnesota is delighted to have you join us for today's worship service. We are a congregation of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. Faith Lutheran seeks to live out this mission:

God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire, and share the love of Jesus with all people

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP



WELCOME

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG *God is Here Today* ACS 993

Musical notation for the hymn "God is Here Today" (ACS 993). The lyrics are: Dios es - tá a - quí, tan as / God is here to - day; / cier-to co-mo_el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan as / cer - tain as the air I breathe, / cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan as / cer - tain as the morn-ing sun that ris - es, / cier-to co-mo que le can-to_y me pue-de o - ír. / cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God, the Creator of all things, who calls us to dwell in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.

We gather in gratitude for God's creation, longing for justice and peace to abide in the land.

Come, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ, who reconciles all things and leads us in the way of righteousness, so that the wilderness may become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be deemed a forest.

We come to walk in the footsteps of Christ, seeking healing for creation and peace for all people.

Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, the breath of life poured out upon us, bringing renewal to the earth and restoring the harmony of creation.

We praise God, who revives the land, and calls us to be peacemakers with all creation.

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. God of justice and peace, we gather in Your presence, united with all living beings.

We come in hope, worship, and commitment to live as caretakers of Your world.

May our prayers rise like incense, and our worship be a song of love for all creation.

We thank the Lord for giving life to all creation! We thank God for our neighbours' life—human and non-human alike.

As we gather, we share the hope and the sufferings of our sisters and brothers throughout all creation. In communion with the waves of the sea, and the rustling of the trees, we recite Psalm 139:14 together:

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

We love you, God! Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 145:1-8

¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ **One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.**

⁵ They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate. ⁶ **They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ⁸ **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Phil. 1:21-30 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Things Bright and Beautiful* WOV 767

Musical notation for the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (WOV 767). The lyrics are: All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small, / all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. / 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, / 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by, / 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun, / 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell / God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings. / the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky. / the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one. / how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.



BLESSING OF FAITH'S EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING - (Give online by scanning QR code)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! *(Gluten free wafers & grape juice are available - simply ask your server)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Go in peace, brothers and sisters, live in peace with creation. And may the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—accompany you, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* ELW 835

1 All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace! **Thanks be to God!**

